

**The Pastor's Corner . . .**

**TRINITY SUNDAY** - The Church's celebration of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. To get a better understanding of this mystery, read paragraphs 232 through 267 in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To whet your appetite, I will cite a few paragraphs.

232 - Christians are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Before receiving the sacrament, they respond to a three-part question when asked to confess the Father, the Son and the Spirit: "I do." "The faith of all Christians rests on the Trinity."

237 - The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God." To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

240 - Jesus revealed that God is Father in an unheard of sense: he is Father not only in being Creator; he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father: "No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son chooses to reveal him." Mt 11:27

244 - The eternal origin of the Holy Spirit is revealed in his mission in time. The Spirit is sent to the apostles and to the Church both by the Father in the name of the Son, and by the Son in person, once he had returned to the Father. (cf. Jn 14:26; 15:26; 16:14) The sending of the Spirit after Jesus' glorification (cf. Jn 7:39) reveals in its fullness the mystery of the Holy Trinity.

As I mentioned above, these four references are designed to get you thinking more deeply about the Trinity. The Catechism of the Catholic Church will help you to more fully understand this profound mystery.

*Peace, Fr. Joe Reiniq*

**AROUND ONE TABLE • THE DIOCESAN CHURCH**

Consider the meaning of the Diocese. Most of our efforts in relation to the Church are centered on what happens in the Parish. This is certainly good and it is proper. The Parish, however, is not the entire Catholic Church - it is one very significant part of a larger, universal, Catholic Church. The Diocese too is one very important part of a larger, universal, Catholic Church. The participation of the youth of our Parishes in our Diocesan Summer Camps becomes an expression of our recognition that we are all part of something greater. We are part of a greater Church Community, in this case, the Diocesan Church. **May God bless you. +Bishop Vasa**

**"COME TALK" WITH FR. TOM**

Must I go to Mass every Sunday? Can you show me that in the Bible? Are the Seven Sacraments in the Bible? Bring your questions about the Catholic Faith to this relaxed discussion group. Fr. Tom is a local retired priest. We meet every Wednesday until June 27 from 7-8:30 PM, Seminar Room 2. For information call Fr. Tom, 318-6335 or Elizabeth Casey, 389-8656.

**NO 5 PM MASS SUN. JUN 3 AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER**

Please join us for Confirmation Sunday, June 3

at the downtown Church at 1:30 & 4 PM!

God Bless and please pray for our Candidates!!

**SISTER KATHLEEN HEPNER SAYS GOOD-BYE**

After several years as a teacher at St. Francis School, Sister Kathleen Hepner has decided that this will be her last year with us because of family needs and responsibilities to her religious community. She will be taking a Sabbatical, and as part of that Sabbatical she will be on a Pilgrimage to Rome and in 2008 she hopes to do ministry work in Viet Nam. If you would like to contribute to a fund to help her with her travels, you may make your checks out to Sisters of the Holy Names (not to Sister Kathleen) and send or mail to the School office.

**BEST WISHES TO OLAF, YOUTH MINISTER & HISPANIC MINISTRY**

Olaf and his family will be moving to Seattle later this summer. Olaf has decided to continue his education for his Masters Degree and continue his work in a parish in Seattle. Olaf will be wrapping up things here at St. Francis and leaving July 31. We wish Olaf, Tita and Juanita all the Best!!

**A BIG Thank you for all the work you have done here at St. Francis Church!!!**

**JOIN THE ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Fr. Joe is searching for several parishioners to fill openings on the Council! The Pastoral Council serves the parish and the Pastor by serving at a monthly forum to discuss and address the interests, concerns, needs and activities of our dynamic parish community. The Council needs representatives from the parish "at large." We would like to fully represent the diversity and richness of our community, including youth, young adults, married, divorced, single and widowed, English & Spanish speaking members. Terms of service vary, with a one-year minimum. If you are interested, please call Fr. Joe by May 31, 382-3631.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 16-20**

**HELP!!!** is needed - please call Duke at 382-3631 or email him at [djohnson@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:djohnson@stfrancisbend.org). To register (4 year olds to 5th grade) email [djohnson@stfrancisbend.org](mailto:djohnson@stfrancisbend.org).

**ST. FRANCIS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE**

Thursday, June 21 at the CO Blood Center, 2680 NE Twin Knolls Dr. from 1 - 6 PM. The KC's will be taking sign-ups June 2 & 3 and June 9 & 10, or to schedule an appointment call Frank, 388-4486 or George, 420-1202 or ARC, 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

**EAT FRESH & RAISE FUNDS!!!**

Help earn important dollars for our Youth Ministry Tijuana Trip. Eat at Baja Fresh, June 2, 9, 16 & 23 and they will donate 15% of the proceeds to the Tijuana Trip.

*Please remember those who have died, especially Fr. Martin Quigley, retired priest of the Diocese of Baker. May they rest in the Peace of Jesus Christ.*